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1. EAST JERUSALEM/WEST BANK PRESS HAVE GIVEN ONLY SCANT BUT GENERALLY FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ANNUAL REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITY AND TO THE U.S. POSITION AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA.

2. "AL QUDS" (MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN) OF FEB 15 IN ITS FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL "HUMAN RIGHTS AND ISRAEL" DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON ISRAEL AND THEN CONTRASTS GOI CONDUCT WITHIN ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT QUICKLY RUNS DOWN THE TYPES OF VIOLATIONS AND DESCRIBES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS CONCERNING DETAINEES. IT CONCLUDES WITH "SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THE HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY THE RED CROSS AND THE "SUNDAY TIMES" FOR THEIR EFFORTS WHICH WILL MITIGATE OUR SUFFERINGS AND THOSE OF OUR DETAINED IN ALL THE ISRAELI PRISONS."

3. "AS SHA'AB" (INDEPENDENT, PRO-PLO) FEB 16 CARRIED
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ON ITS FRONT PAGE WIRE SERVICE REPORTING ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE PALESTINIANS. "AL QUDS" OF FEB 12 MENTIONED THE U.S. DELEGATE IN GENEVA AS LATEST OF A GROUP OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS CRITICAL OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY.

4. COMMENT: ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT
WAS PROBABLY OVERSHADOWED BY THE BROADER QUESTIO OF
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